



Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: January 16th, 2019
Time: 7:15PM
Location: 1st floor conference room
Attendees: Executive committee: Christopher Tonkin (chair), Jack Johnson, Scott Smith, Adam MacNeill, Doug Greenfield, Muris Kobaslija, Doug Mayo-Wells
Town of Arlington: Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner
Stephan Miller, Matt Larrabee, Rod Holland, David Creedon

Review/approval of November minutes

Incomplete, deferred.

TAC report - Scott

Visited DC immediately after a snowstorm, did not see dockless bikes (Ofo exited), but saw Capital Bikeshare bikes & many scooters.

Discussed joint working group for School redevelopment, looking for 1 or 2 ABAC volunteers
Intersection w bikeway is in plan, but need to assure good sightlines, etc. also pedestrian access

Muris, Mick Beck, David all interested in being involved.

Tweaks to Mass Ave at Swan Pl - "all-red" time of light cycle to be reduced

Speed reduction approved on Herbert St

Tri Town meeting review

Lexington advocating for speed limits on Minuteman

Terry Gleason, Bedford advocating for adoption of Open Street Maps (OSM)

Consensus that Class-1 e-bikes should be allowed on Minuteman, less consensus about Class-3 (speeds up to 28mph).

Discussion of ABAC's position on reasonable speed limit:

- * Is 15mph too slow, but 20mph too fast?
- * can we measure actual speeds, make data-informed recommendation
- * "Rush" hour speed limits?
- * Speed limit is intended to be upper bound for good conditions (but not practically treated as such)
- * Arlington may have lower volume of complaint than other towns

Bike share updates

Review of memorandum

Through end of November 18,400 trips

E-bikes are 20% of fleet but approx 1/3 of trips since introduction

Contract extension discussion ongoing with MAPC

Almost all Lime bikes on street now are e-Bikes, Lime plans to phase out unpowered bikes in spring - this was not reviewed w/ MAPC - Lime intends to discuss

Some communities eg., WInthrop didn't want ebikes, so this is problematic for them

Manual bikes may be unprofitable for Lime

Removing low-cost option described as "bait and switch"

All e-bike fleet may offer fewer health benefits to town - but e-bikes allow people who might not be comfortable on regular bike to ride

All e-bike fleet also forces issue of e-bike use on bikeway - talked w Galen Mook Mass Bike filing bill for type 1,2] - expected to take 2 yrs to get through legislature

Town could potentially permit (establish that e-bikes are not "motorized vehicles") in advance of state legislation?

ABAC members continue to observe (unauthorized) "Ant" bikes in Town, Cambridge, etc

Police traffic unit reports some displeasure with e-bike use.

Lime e-bikes tend to be slow compared to other e-bikes - single speed w/ governor

Crossing at Trader Joe's

proposals pending to address safety concerns

ABAC action plan for 2019

ABAC report for 2018 submitted to town

Filing warrant article for transportation plan study - what should such a study look at from bike perspective? e.g., prioritize bike lanes, wide shoulders, bicycle friendly community guidance?

\$80K item in budget for sustainable mobility plan (walk, bike, public transit) - needs to be approved by town meeting

Jack to facilitate planning session

ABAC finances

\$3500 in account

\$500 obligated to arts council

\$300 obligated for video conversion (pending)

ABAC executive committee membership

Doug Mayo-Wells is acting Secretary

--Motion to approve Adam MacNeill as Treasurer

(Carries with none opposed)

Doug Greenfield's appointment expired end of 2018, will be reappointed

Christopher's appointment as chairman is also up in 2019 - will be reappointed for a year to manage transition to new chairman

Vandalism of repair station at Magnolia park

\$160 to replace with tools that are higher security ("indoor" type station was installed originally)

--Motion to pay up to \$200 for replacement, higher security tools for bike repair station from ABAC account

(Carries with none opposed)

ABAC Winter social - David

Many venues contacted:

Cafe Nero - not able to host group event

Town Tavern - not a good physical layout (no separate room)

Common ground, cost: 300 + 100/server + 50/setup, (food not included)

Elks club, cost 300 for hall includes bartender for 4 hours with cash bar. Can cater food.

Available date limitations, no screen.

Kickstand, cost \$100. No liquor license.

David will explore further winter social at Kickstand with Scott Mullen as featured speaker

Food for ~70ppl, maybe \$200

MASS DOT state bicycle transportation plan - Daniel

Lacking methodology/transparency into how "potential for everyday biking" is determined 60M\$ but not clear what 60M\$ budget translates to in practice - is there funding for repairs/improvements to existing bike infrastructure?

Overall, good, directional effort

Comment deadline 31 jan

Route 2 bridge - bike trail

Spikes installed to deter homeless population have been removed after complaint

Still observing trash in the area

ABAC spring volunteer cleaning may consider Arlington Heights instead of East Arlington

MAPC bike counts

Usually in May

Mass DOT DCR doing study of bikeway & shared use paths around state - want to install bike/ped counter on bikeway - permanent installation, probably at Swan Pl

ABAC could do supplemental counts - e.g., Mass Ave or Broadway at 16 to get a broader picture of cycle use/trends

Mass Trails grant applications

Due feb 1

Daniel writing up Lake Street bike improvement proposal

Adjourned